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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUILDING COSTS

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1. FODAG HAS RECEIVED THE RESPONSE IN PARA 2 BELOW FROM THE FAO IN REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS ON RENTAL AND BUILDING COSTS. FODAG BELIEVES FAO ANSWER IS RESPONSIVE. SKOUFIS, ADG FOR ADMINISTRATION, EXPLAINED THAT FAO DOES NOT HAVE SPECIFIC, BROKEN DOWN FIGURES ON COUNTRY AND REGIONAL BUILDING COSTS, RENTALS, AND HOST COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS. TO GET THESE FIGURES, A SPECIFIC REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TO EACH OFFICE AND HOST COUNTRY. WHILE WORKING ON ANOTHER MATTER, FODAG OFFICER WAS TOLD FAO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE COSTS ARE BEING CLOSELY HELD BY DG'S OFFICE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE.

1. FAO HEADQUARTERS, ROME. THE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF BUILDINGS A, B, C, D AND E, AND TWO OTHERS, BUILDINGS F AND G, EACH APPROXIMATELY 5 KMS. FROM THE MAIN COMPLEX. RENT OF DLR 1 PER ANNUM IS PAYABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY FOR BUILDINGS A, B, C AND D. BUILDING D, RECENTLY RELEASED TO FAO, IS PRESENTLY BEING RESTRUCTURED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY. BUILDING E WAS CONSTRUCTED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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FAO IN 1965 AT A COST OF DOLS 340,000, BUT IT WAS FINANCED FROM A UNDP LOAN REPAYED BY FAO FROM 1965 TO 1970. FOR BUILDING F AND G, WHICH ARE COMMERCIALY RENTED, A PROVISION OF DOLS 700,000 HAS BEEN MADE IN THE 1978 REGULAR BUDGET. THERE ARE NO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COSTS TO BE MET BY FAO. THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY HAS PAID FAO AS A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION LIT. 300,000,000 PER ANNUM FOR THE FIVE

YEARS 1971 TO 1975 MAINLY DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF
BUILDING D.

2. REGIONAL, LIAISON AND COUNTRY OFFICES. AN AGGREGATE
PROVISION OF DOLS 159,000 HAS BEEN MADE IN THE 1978 REGULAR
BUDGET FOR CERTAIN REGIONAL, LIAISON AND COUNTRY OFFICES.
IN THE OTHER CASES, OFFICES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY THE HOST
GOVERNMENTS, REQUIRING NO BUDGET PROVISIONS BY FAO. THERE
ARE NO PROVISIONS IN THE 1978 REGULAR BUDGET FOR CONSTRUCTION
COSTS OF ANY SUCH OFFICES. END QUOTE.HOLMES

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